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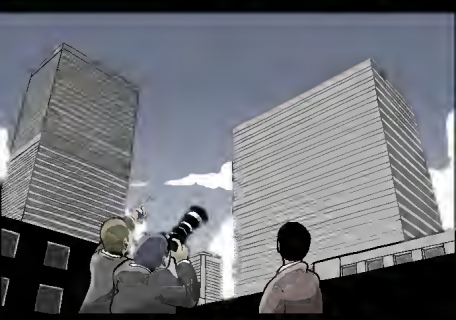
STAND OVER THERE FOR A BIT
WHAT?

YEAH. THERE... JUST LIKE THAT.
LET'S MAKE A POSE FOR THE REPORTERS OVER THERE


JUST BEAR WITH IT A LITTLE LONGER. IT'LL DIE DOWN SOON.
TAKE THIS AS A CHANCE TO RELAX A LITTLE.
ALRIGHT. LET'S GO.

WHAT HAPPENED TO PROFESSOR HARVEY?
WELL... I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, BUT OUR SUPERIORS ARE TAKING GOOD CARE OF HIM. HE'S PROBABLY SAFE.
HE'S AN IMPORTANT PERSON, SO THEY'RE PUTTING IN A LOT OF EFFORT. IT'S NOT FAVORABLE FOR YOU, THOUGH.
WHAT I HEARD WAS... TO MAKE NEGOTIATIONS EASIER FOR KN GROUP, THEY PULLED A FEW STRINGS.
THAT MAN... IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON, MORE THAN WHAT MOST OF US THINK.
OUR SUPERIORS ARE SORRY ABOUT YOUR SITUATION. YOU CAN TELL FROM THE FACT THAT THEY GAVE ME THE TASK TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU UNTIL IT GETS QUIET OUTSIDE.
IF YOU PLAY THE VILLAIN THIS ONE TIME, THEY'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU IN THE FUTURE. DON'T WORRY.
BUT WHAT DOES THAT MAN HAVE THAT MAKES KN GROUP'S ISSUE SO URGENT?
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GATE1
ARSENAL GATE2

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW? YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CASE.
WELL... THEY REQUESTED AN URGENT RESTRAINT... BUT BEFORE I COULD INVESTIGATE ANY FURTHER, THE DIRECTOR TOLD ME TO TAKE MY HANDS OFF THE CASE.
DON'T MIND IT. I DON'T REALLY WANT TO KNOW. YOU WERE JUST UNLUCKY.
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE KNOWS MUCH ABOUT THIS CASE.
BUT HE'S STILL TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH I KNOW... STUPID. HE RECEIVED SOME KIND OF ORDER. HE'S BEING CONTROLLED BY THEM.
AREN'T THE PEOPLE ABOVE PRETTY MESSED UP?
IF THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE YOU GO THROUGH THIS, THEY SHOULD TIP YOU OFF.
SIT OVER THERE.
I WANT TO TAKE A LITTLE BREAK.
THEY'RE GOING TO TALK TO PROFESSOR HARVEY ONCE A PLAN IS MADE.
THEY'LL CONTACT US. LET'S RELAX HERE UNTIL THEN.
DO YOU WANT A BEER?

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SAY SOMETHING... YOU PROBABLY FEEL USED... I KNOW YOU MIGHT BE UPSET...
SIR, I NEED TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATING THIS CASE
W... WHAT NONSENSE... EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS YOU... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I PROMISED NOT TO LIVE LIKE THIS
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

MR. SMITH IS ON HIS WAY INSIDE

CREAK
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YOU'RE NOT UNCOMFORTABLE STAYING HERE, RIGHT?
AFTER SUCH A MESS AND WITHOUT TRIAL, I'M LOCKED IN HERE. WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
I'LL EXPLAIN SLOWLY DON'T BE SO IMPATIENT
WELL, WHY DID YOU NEED TO MODIFY AND ENCRYPT A COMPUTER YOU USE AT HOME?
MY BOYS HAD A HARD TIME DECODING IT
ANYWAY, I SAW ALL THE NOTES YOU ORGANIZED

YOU FOUND OUT JUST ENOUGH TO MISUNDERSTAND
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PROFESSOR, YOU THINK WE'RE EVIL, RIGHT?
BUT YOU KNOW, SUCH EVIL PEOPLE DON'T EXIST IN THIS WORLD. WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE
WE'RE ALL HARD-WORKING PEOPLE WITH FAMILIES
OF COURSE, I ADMIT WE HAVE SMALL PROBLEMS IN OUR PROCEDURES. WE DID SOME THINGS THAT NEED TO BE HIDDEN
BUT TO DO GREAT THINGS, THERE ARE INEVITABLY CERTAIN RISKS AND CUTS. WE NEED TO MAKE. IT'S LIKE THAT
STOP SPEAKING NONSENSE. YOU PEOPLE STILL DON'T KNOW THE SEVERITY OF WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING
WELL... YOU STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT ALL OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO.
IS THAT WHY YOU COLDLY REJECTED VINCENT'S SECOND CHANCE?
HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT I'M HERE SHOWS HOW MUCH WE WANT YOU BACK, PROFESSOR.
YOU'RE STUBBORNLY RESOLUTE, BUT WE'RE DEPENDENT ON YOU. THE PICTURE ISN'T PRETTY.
I DON'T LIKE DISADVANTAGEOUS NEGOTIATIONS.
I DON'T WANT ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH YOU PEOPLE. "IT HAPPENED BECAUSE WE WERE TRYING TO DO GREAT THINGS?" THAT'S BULLSHIT. I'M NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON.
I DON'T KNOW. WHAT YOU'RE SAYING DOESN'T RESONATE. COMING FROM THE PERSON WHO STOLE COMPANY PROPERTY.
WELL, WE WERE EXPECTING SUCH A RESPONSE, SO WE PREPARED A STORY TO HELP WITH THIS NEGOTIATION.

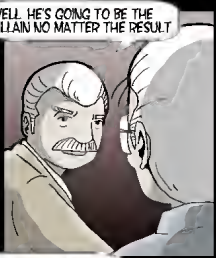
PROFESSOR HARVEY HAS INVESTED IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT THE REPORTER IS AT RIGHT NOW NO OTHER INFORMATION IS KNOWN YET

THE LAST INFORMATION WE RECEIVED IS THAT PROFESSOR HARVEY WHO WAS UNCONSCIOUS IS NOW

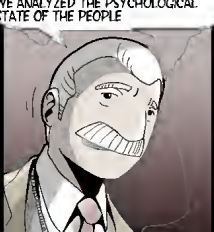
THE REST OF THAT STORY WILL DEPEND ON YOUR DECISION, PROFESSOR. YOUR DECISION WILL CHANGE THE OUTCOME

WE HAVE OUR VILLAIN, AS WELL. ONE PROSECUTOR WILL TAKE ALL THE BLAME

WELL, HE'S GOING TO BE THE VILLAIN NO MATTER THE RESULT



OH BY THE WAY, I FOUND SOMETHING INTERESTING. AFTER THE NEWS REPORT, WE ANALYZED THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE OF THE PEOPLE



SURPRISINGLY, THEY WERE HOPING FOR A TRAGIC END

HAHA... FUNNY, RIGHT? PROFESSOR, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WE'RE NOT THE VILLAINS HERE.
DON'T WORRY, PROFESSOR. THIS STORY WAS MADE FOR INSURANCE. AFTER HEARING ME OUT, I'M SURE YOU'LL BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE.
HOW DID YOU SET THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMANS? OFFSPRING? FRIEND? COLLEAGUE?
LIVING WITH HUMANS AND HELPING THEM... WERE YOU THINKING OF ANDROIDS IN SCIENCE FICTION MOVIES AND COMICS?
YOU OF ALL PROFESSIONALS MAKING SUCH A MISTAKE... AFTER YOU MADE ALL OF THEM, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. NOW, START THINKING AND ACTING LIKE THE ENGINEER YOU ARE.
IF A REAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WERE TO BE BORN ON WHICH DIMENSION WOULD ITS MIND EXIST IN?
JUST BECAUSE IT IS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH US DOESN'T MEAN ITS CONSCIOUSNESS IS ON THE SAME PLATFORM AS OURS. HOW WOULD YOU PROVE THAT?

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